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**Testimony of Kevin R. Hennessy  
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My name is Kevin Hennessy. I am a staff attorney for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (hereinafter "CBIA"). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 member companies in virtually every industry. They range from large, global corporations to small, family owned businesses. Approximately 90 percent of our member companies have fewer than 50 employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on **HB 6605**, *An Act Establishing a Department of Clean Energy*. CBIA opposes **HB 6605**.

**HB 6605** would authorize the state to bond \$2 billion to create a new state entity – the Department of Clean Energy. Simply put, Connecticut can not afford this proposal. Connecticut is facing an \$8 billion plus budget deficit for the next biennium. In this economic climate, Connecticut can not afford to bond an additional \$2 billion. To do so would be economically irresponsible.

CBIA urges the Energy & Technology committee to **reject HB 6605**.